DECLARATION AND PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SUSTAINED-RELEASE MICROENCAPSULATED DELIVERY SYSTEM**, which was filed on February 1, 2000, and given United States Application No. 09/495,556, and was amended on 05/08/2001, 02/27/2002, 06/24/2002, 05/06/2003, 09/16/2003, 03/04/2004; that the subject matter of the amendments were part of my invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above identified for such invention; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, and this petition.

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